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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DOHA 0450

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, QA, US, XF

SUBJECT: QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER OF MID EAST AND GULF AFFAIRS

1. DURING APR 4 CALL ON QATARI FONMIN SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI BY VISITING AMB MAESTRONE AND AMB, SUHAYM COMMENTED ON MID EAST AND GULF SITUATIONS. RE MID EAST PEACE PROCESS SUHAYM SAID "POSITIVE NEW MOVE" REQUIRED NOW FROM NEW US ADMINISTRATION TO GET THINGS MOVING TOWARD SETTLEMENT. SUHAYM FOLLOWED UP IMMEDIATELY WITH EXPLANATION THAT THIS MEANT EFFECTIVE US PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO MATCH SINCERE ARAB INTENTIONS TO CONCLUDE GENUINE PEACE IN AREA. SUHAYM ASSERTED THAT "ISRAEL IS NOTHING WITHOUT U.S." AND, THEREFORE, WE HAVE NECESSARY LEVERAGE TO BRING ISRAELIS AROUND IF WE WILL ONLY USE IT.

2. WE POINTED TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT, CURRENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO WASH., ETC., AS EVIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT PERSONALLY TAKING ACTIVE ROLE IN CATALYZING SETTLEMENT. ON OTHER HAND, WE OBSERVED THAT ARABS MUST EXERT INFLUENCE  
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ON PALESTINIANS SO THAT THEY WILL MAKE RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS NECESSARY TO FURTHER PEACE PROCESS.

3. SUHAYM AGREED THAT ARABS INDEED HAD ROLE TO PLAY IN BRINGING PALESTINIANS AROUND, AND SAID HE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY FIRST MOVES OF PRESIDENT AND NEW ADMINISTRATION IN FIELD OF MID EAST DIPLOMACY.

4. RE GULF, SUBJECT OF RECENT KUWAITI-SOVIET ARMS DEAL WAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED. SUHAYM STATED THAT HE SAW THIS AS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT SINCE KUWAIT WAS SOLIDLY ORIENTED TOWARD FREE WORLD AND ARMS DEAL SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS "SOMETHING TEMPORARY., SUHAYM DECLINED TO COMMENT ON HOW IRAQIS WOULD VIEW KUWAITI PURCHASE OF SOVIET ARMS.

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